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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: The settlement

Dear Sirs,

I wish to voice my opinion that the proposed settlement with Microsoft is too soft to accomplish any real changes in the industry. Microsoft will still be allowed to dominate it's rivals in anti-competitive fashion. This settlement does nothing to restore the heavy damage done by Microsoft, nor does it do enough to ensure that competition will revive in the future.

Microsoft has squirmed it's way out of all the restrictions place on it in the past by hiding behind technical excuses, and that is what it will do in the future as well. You can't ask a thief to suddenly be ethical, you have to put him in jail, or punish him in some way. This tiny slap on the wrist is going to do little to protect us, and will likely embolden Microsoft to continue in it's monopolistic abuse. Thank God that some of the states have rejected your sellout agreement, and realize that more must be done, if equity is going to be restored to the computer industry.

A very unhappy constituent,
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